



# News Release

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## **NASS Publishes County-Level Cash Rent Data**

Fargo, ND – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is publishing county-level data nationally on cash rental rates for agricultural land. The release includes average rental rates for non-irrigated cropland, irrigated cropland, and pastureland for 2010. The information is based on data NASS gathered by contacting more than 6,200 agricultural producers who rented land for cash in North Dakota during 2010.

"This data will provide an important decision-making tool for farmers, ranchers and other landowners," said Darin Jantzi, director of the NASS North Dakota Field Office. "In addition, USDA agencies will have these figures available to help develop and administer important farm programs used by farmers and ranchers."

Jantzi noted that complete data may not be available for all counties. "In some counties, we may not have received enough survey responses to publish a reliable estimate. In these instances, the estimated rental values are combined with those of neighboring counties and published under Combined Counties within the district."

## **ND County Rents and Values versus Federal County Cash Rents**

The North Dakota Field Office has produced an annual County Rents and Values publication since 1989. For many years, this survey provided the only county level estimates for cash rents and values. However, the 2007 Farm Bill mandated that all states collect and publish county estimates related to cash rents. Therefore, in May of 2009, NASS for the first time published results, by state, for a county-level cash rent survey.

While the two publications are similar, there are the two major differences. The North Dakota County Rents and Values survey asks respondents for their estimates of the average cash rents and values of agricultural land in their locality, regardless of whether they are in a rental agreement or not at the time of data collection. The data published are for non-irrigated land only and includes cropland, pastureland, alfalfa hayland, other tame hayland, and wild or prairie grass hayland. The Federal County-Level Cash Rent survey asks respondents to report agricultural rental rates based on current agreements they are involved in at the time of data collection. The data published are for irrigated and non-irrigated cropland and all pastureland. Therefore, the only overlap of estimates between the two surveys deals with non-irrigated cropland.

The latest for both reports can be found online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/nd> under North Dakota Publications. Also, the 2010 county-level cash rental rates data are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) through Quick Stats, NASS's agricultural statistics database. Users can access cash rental rates at the state, county or crop reporting district level.

**Cash Rents, Average Value per Acre, North Dakota by County, 2010 <sup>1</sup>**

District and County	Cropland		All Pastureland
	Irrigated	Non-Irrigated	
	<i>Dollars per Acre</i>	<i>Dollars per Acre</i>	<i>Dollars per Acre</i>
Burke		29.00	8.40
Divide		28.50	8.00
Mountrail		33.00	9.30
Renville		39.00	12.50
Ward		40.50	13.50
Williams		28.50	10.00
Combined Counties	120.00		
<b>Northwest</b>	120.00	33.00	9.80
Benson		36.50	12.50
Bottineau		37.00	13.50
McHenry		35.50	14.00
Pierce		35.50	14.00
Rolette		34.50	11.50
Combined Counties			
<b>North Central</b>		36.00	13.00
Cavalier		44.50	
Grand Forks		65.50	10.50
Nelson		38.00	11.00
Pembina		68.00	11.50
Ramsey		38.50	
Towner		34.50	11.50
Walsh		64.00	11.50
Combined Counties	126.00		10.50
<b>Northeast</b>	126.00	51.00	11.00
Dunn		26.00	10.50
McKenzie	161.00	24.50	8.20
McLean		40.50	11.50
Mercer		30.50	12.00
Oliver		28.00	12.00
Combined Counties	88.00		
<b>West Central</b>	127.00	31.50	10.50
Eddy		37.00	15.00
Foster		48.00	16.00
Kidder		29.50	15.50
Sheridan		33.50	12.00
Stutsman		49.00	16.00
Wells		38.00	15.00
Combined Counties	121.00		
<b>Central</b>	121.00	40.00	15.00
Barnes		59.50	15.50
Cass		81.50	16.00
Griggs		47.50	14.00
Steele		56.50	14.50
Traill		76.50	11.50
Combined Counties	82.00		
<b>East Central</b>	82.00	66.00	15.00
Adams		27.00	13.00
Billings		24.50	9.60
Bowman		25.50	10.50
Golden Valley		25.00	10.00
Hettinger		33.50	14.00
Slope		30.50	9.80
Stark		32.00	14.50
Combined Counties			
<b>Southwest</b>		29.50	11.50
Burleigh		32.00	15.00
Emmons		37.50	16.50
Grant		25.00	12.50
Morton		29.50	14.50
Sioux		23.50	11.50
Combined Counties			
<b>South Central</b>		30.50	14.00
Dickey		69.00	24.50
LaMoure		66.50	22.00
Logan		35.50	17.00
McIntosh		35.50	19.00
Ransom		63.50	23.00
Richland		87.00	
Sargent	137.00	68.00	
Combined Counties	129.00		24.50
<b>Southeast</b>	130.00	64.00	20.50
<b>Combined Districts</b>	79.50		
<b>State Total</b>	122.00	46.00	13.00

<sup>1</sup> Data published in combined counties or districts to avoid disclosure of individual operations or due to lack of adequate coverage.

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